

Service Date: May 6, 1980

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

* * * *

IN THE MATTER of the Application)
of MOUNTAIN STATES TELEPHONE and)
TELEGRAPH COMPANY, for Approval)
of Tariffs To Introduce New Of-)
ferings.)
_____)

DOCKET NO. 80.4.4
ORDER NO. 4644

On March 13, 1980, MOUNTAIN STATES TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY (Mountain Bell-Applicant) filed tariffs with the Montana Public Service Commission pursuant to jurisdiction granted by 69-1-103 through 107, MCA, requesting approval of revised tariffs establishing rates and charges to introduce the AUTOTAS Answering System, the COM-STOR II Communication Storage Unit and the DATA-SPEED 4540 Communications Terminal.

Having considered the application and the documentation furnished by Applicant in support of its application and deeming itself fully advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. A notice of proposed hearing to be held, if requested, was published in ten newspapers. The notice stated that if no requests for a public hearing were received by May 2, 1980, an appropriate order may be issued based upon evidence submitted with the application.

2. No requests for a hearing were received and no hearing was scheduled.

3. The filing establishes rates and charges to introduce the AUTOTAS Answering System, the COM-STOR II Communication Storage Unit and the DATASPEED 4540 Communications Terminal

4. Background worksheets were filed to show the development of the proposed rates and charges for the service items.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Commission has jurisdiction over parties and the subject matter in this proceeding.

2. The resulting rate levels are reasonable and just.

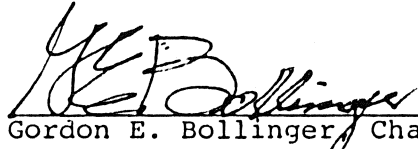
ORDER

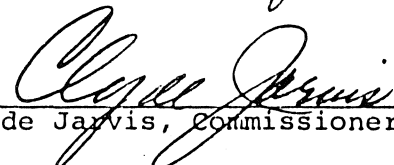
IT IS ORDERED by the Commission that the new and revised tariff sheets necessary to establish rates and charges for the AUTOTAS Answering System, the COM-STOR II Communication Storage Unit and the DATASPEED 4540 Communications terminal are approved.

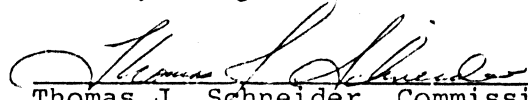
The revised tariffs will be effective for telephone service rendered on and after May 5, 1980.

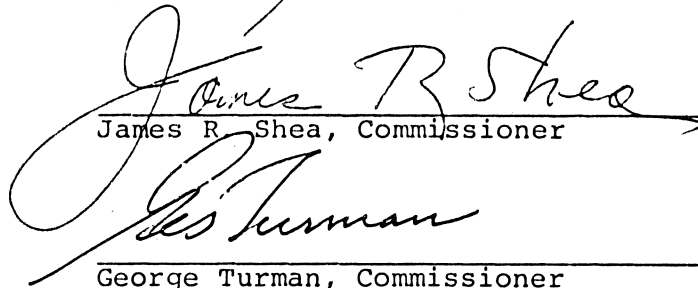
DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana 59601, the 5th day of May, 1980 by a 5 - 0 vote.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

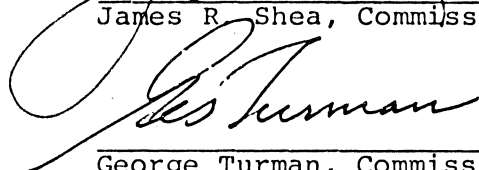

Gordon E. Bollinger, Chairman

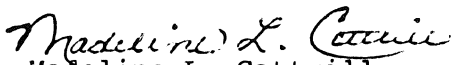

Clyde Jarvis, Commissioner


Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner


James R. Shea, Commissioner

ATTEST:


George Turman, Commissioner


Madeline L. Cottrill
Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTE: You may be entitled to judicial review of the final decision in this matter. If no Motion for Reconsideration is filed, judicial review may be obtained by filing a petition for review within thirty (30) days from the service of this order. If a Motion for Reconseration is filed, a Commission order is final for purpose of appeal upon the entry of a ruling on that motion, or upon the passage of ten (10) days following the filing of that motion. cf. the Montana Administrative Procedure Act, esp. Sec 2-4-702, MCA, and Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure, esp. 38-2.2(64)-P2750, ARM.